

But in February, the agency sent a letter to foster care institutions indicating that staff should make oral reports to social workers during business hours and to the hotline during evenings and weekends. Yesterday, the agency said that the 24-hour hotline, 202-671-SAFE, should always be used.

In addition, the agency said it will refer violations of the reporting requirements for prosecution and push for an increase in the penalties for violators. Currently, failure to report abuse or neglect is punishable by a fine of up to \$100 or imprisonment for up to 30 days.

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A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JONATHAN W. WEISS

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Jonathan Weiss has devoted himself to serving others through his membership in the Boy Scouts of America; and

Whereas, Jonathan Weiss has shared his time and talent with the community in which he resides; and

Whereas, Jonathan Weiss has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Jonathan Weiss must be commended for the hard work and dedication he put forth in earning the Eagle Scout Award;

Therefore, I join with Troop 401, the residents of Jefferson County, and the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating Jonathan W. Weiss as he receives the Eagle Scout Award.

HONORING SPECTRUM IN MARIN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Spectrum, Center for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Concerns, on the occasion of its 20th anniversary. Spectrum began its work in 1982, under the leadership of Rev. Janie Spahr, and with the direction of Executive Director Paula Pilecki, Spectrum has continued to pursue its mission to "strengthen, mobilize and serve lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning people, and promote acceptance, understanding and full inclusion in Marin County."

Spectrum is the only organization in Marin County that focuses exclusively on addressing the needs of LGBT people. In twenty years, over 1,000 volunteers have helped tens of thousands of people come together to speak out against fear and discrimination. Spectrum works with a national network of social justice advocates to make the world a more inclusive and safe place for all people. Spectrum recognizes that in a diverse community, it is important that people learn to respect each other and their differences.

Spectrum plays an active role in the community, providing outreach programs that edu-

cate the community on LGBT people and provide systems of support for LGBT people. Spectrum's Speakers Bureau makes presentations to elementary, middle and high schools, colleges and community groups. Volunteer speakers share their personal stories to dispel myths and stereotypes about LGBT people. Spectrum's program, Rainbow's End, provides support for LGBT and questioning youth, 14-19 years old. Community Connections focuses on LGBT seniors providing peer support, facilitating social groups and educational forums.

Mr. Speaker, Spectrum has played a pivotal role in the LGBT community. The support they provide to LGBT people and the education they provide to the public has had an everlasting effect on Marin County.

COMMENDING THE PUBLICATION OF "TO LIFE: STORIES OF COURAGE AND SURVIVAL TOLD BY HAMPTON ROADS HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS LIBERATORS AND RESCUERS"

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call attention to the publication of "To Life: Stories of Courage and Survival as told by Hampton Roads Holocaust Survivors, Liberators, and Rescuers."

I also wish to bring to the attention of the House of Representatives the following statement issued by Rabbi Israel Zoberman, spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Chaverim in Virginia Beach, upon publication by the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater of the book "To Life: Stories Of Courage and Survival told by Hampton Roads Holocaust Survivors, Liberators and Rescuers." Rabbi Zoberman, son of Polish Holocaust survivors, and his daughter Rachel are among the contributing authors.

STATEMENT OF RABBI ZOBERMAN

Out of the depths of Jewish anguish and an aching human soul, with much trepidation to disclose accounts so personal and intimate yet with a compelling need to unburden heavy-laden hearts, reaching out to connect across a separating abyss, this—courageously, convincingly and caringly—shared tales of woes and victories is an enduring gift of Tikvah, reassuring hope for generations.

Out of the Shoah's poisonous fires still threatening to consume civilization, hope is painstakingly garnered and guarded from the midst of despair, a reminder of humanity's capacity to stand up to indefinite evil—physically, psychologically and spiritually—to ensure that infinite goodness will be the lot of all God's children.

Hope that dreams dashed by blind hatred and boundless cruelty perverting the divine image within us cannot ultimately be destroyed by demonic depravity deposited in the recesses of human depravity. While affirming the Holocaust's uniqueness we recall with horror the September 11th, 2001 terrorist strikes and the genocidal wars in Cambodia, Rwanda and Bosnia, further diminishing us. Hope that life's sacred and sweet essence of creative potential, more imperative, fulfilling relations and maturing growth will prevail over the stifling emptiness of a culture of death. Hope that the holiness in the

victims' lives, symbolized by the flickering Sabbath lights, is within reach in spite of history's harsh winds. Hope that glorious Israel reborn, the surviving remnant facing continued trials and tribulations, will ever be a fitting testimony to its martyred people's inspiring bequest of prophetic values and undying faith. Hope filled with lasting gratitude that the United States of America, home and haven to the persecuted and oppressed, a weary humanity's best and last beacon of light, will retain its great pluralistic vision. It valiantly defeated Nazism and it will win as well its war on global terrorism.

Our heroic survivors, rescuers and liberators have entered portals not one else has, a land only they traversed, leaving behind lost dear ones safe from hurt and humiliation under the Shechina's broken wings. They dared remember, recall and retell for memory empowers the living and is the dead's lasting memorial. Rebuilding and healing their lives in Hampton Roads, the survivors along with their children and grandchildren provide us with indelible past and present lessons of perseverance, purpose and promise. The treasured candles of their cherished lives will brightly shine, eternal watch and witness, kindling a path for shalom's blessing to yes highlight a global community at harmonious peace.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this important publication to all Members of the House of Representatives. The stories of Holocaust survivors must be documented and told again and again. In doing so, we will ensure that such inhumane horror will remain present forever in our collective conscience, so that we, above all else, will never let this dark chapter in our history ever repeat itself.

A PROCLAMATION COMMENDING MORNING JOURNAL

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, the Morning Journal published in Lisbon, Ohio will celebrate its 150th anniversary on September 15, 2002; and

Whereas, the Morning Journal started as The Buckeye State in 1852 and became the Evening Journal in 1909; and

Whereas, the Morning Journal has grown to become the largest newspaper in Columbiana County; and

Whereas, the Morning Journal serves its community with publication seven days a week;

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District in recognizing the Morning Journal on September 15, 2002 its 150th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING ROSELLE, MICHAEL HINGSON'S GUIDE DOG, FOR HER BRAVERY AT WORLD TRADE CENTER ON SEPTEMBER 11

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Roselle, a yellow Labrador dog, whose

bravery on September 11 as she led her blind owner Michael Hingson from the World Trade Center is an inspiration.

Michael and Roselle have become well-known as representatives of the power of the human/animal bond to build a trust that can carry them through even the greatest tragedy.

Michael was working on the 78th floor of the World Trade Center when the building was struck. After making sure everyone in the office was evacuated safely, Roselle and Michael began the long descent down the stairwell. Despite the heat and smoke, they calmly made their way from the building and started running for the subway as Tower 2 began to collapse. In the subway, Roselle guided Michael and another woman down the stairs and led Michael to the home of a friend in mid-Manhattan.

Michael has traveled with a dog from Guide Dogs for the Blind for 37 years. Roselle's ability to lead, and Michael's to command, under such difficult circumstances embodies the success of the lifelong partnerships developed through this program.

Mr. Speaker, Roselle's story demonstrates that there were many kinds of bravery on September 11, 2001. It is appropriate to honor the bond that enabled her to save the life of Michael Hingson.

CONGRATULATING THE TOWN OF
SMITHFIELD, VIRGINIA ON
THEIR 250TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Town of Smithfield, Virginia on the marking of their 250th anniversary this year.

Smithfield has a population of 6,584 and is approximately 10.1 square miles in size. Located on the banks of the Pagan River in Isle of Wight County, Smithfield, Virginia was incorporated in 1752 from land donated and surveyed by Arthur Smith IV. Smithfield offers residents a small-town atmosphere, a great school system, affordable housing, and a beautiful historic downtown.

While numerous Tidewater localities suffered during the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and the Civil War, Smithfield was spared the devastation. Since the Town's inception, Smithfield has worked hard to maintain its architectural heritage and small town charm.

The rise of Smithfield is most often credited to its world famous ham industry. Known as the "Ham Capital of the World," no visit to Smithfield can be considered complete without enjoying a quality ham.

To mark the Town's anniversary, on September 28th, the residents of Smithfield will be making the largest ham biscuit in the world. The ham biscuit will be eight feet in diameter and large enough to feed 1,752 people. I hope the Guinness Book of World Records will recognize the biscuit as the world's largest ham biscuit.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the citizens of Smithfield, Virginia, as they celebrate the Town's 250th anniversary and wish them continued success and prosperity in the years to

come. While rich in history and in the beauty of its surroundings, the greatest part of Smithfield is the people who live there. It is truly an honor and privilege to represent the people of the Town of Smithfield in the United States House of Representatives.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
MARK DUGAN

HON. ROBERT. W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Mark Dugan is a hero who used his knowledge of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation to help save the life of a one-year-old child; and

Whereas, Mark Dugan acted quickly and efficiently without hesitation or thought of himself; and

Whereas, Mark Dugan is an asset to the New Philadelphia community in his preparedness and willingness to help others; and

Whereas, Mark Dugan has displayed remarkable responsibility by becoming trained in life-saving first aid and furthermore by his real-life application of that knowledge;

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in honoring and congratulating Mark Dugan for his selflessness and heroism.

POINT REYES NATIONAL
SEASHORE 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Point Reyes National Seashore on the occasion of its 40th anniversary. On September 13, 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed into law P.L. 87-657 "to save and preserve, for the purpose of public recreation, benefit, and inspiration, a portion of the diminishing seashore of the United States that remains undeveloped."

Conceived as a park in the 1930s, the hard work of dedicated people made Point Reyes National Seashore a reality many years later. Today the Seashore, located an hour's drive from the urban San Francisco Bay Area, is enjoyed by over 2.5 million visitors annually. It comprises over 71,000 acres including estuaries, beaches, coastal grasslands, salt marshes, and coniferous forests and contains 45 percent of North American avian species and 18 percent of California's plant species. The Park is the best site for whale watching on the West Coast with as many as 200 migrating whales sighted per day. In 1988 Point Reyes National Seashore was internationally recognized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for its examples of the world's major ecosystem types and named the Central California Coast Biosphere Reserve.

Lying just across the San Andrea Fault from the rest of North America, the Point Reyes peninsula is also a geological land in motion which has moved over 300 miles in the last 100 million years. Visitors to the Park's Earth-

quake Trail can see the results of this activity from near the epicenter of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake.

The cultural history of Point Reyes dates back 5,000 years to a time when the Coast Miwok Indians inhabited the peninsula. Over 120 Miwok archeological sites exist within the park. In 1579 Sir Francis Drake was probably the first European in the area, landing on the shores of the Bay which bears his name. Lighthouses and lifesaving stations, several still available to visitors, were established in the 19th century in response to the many shipwrecks in the treacherous waters off the coast. In the early 19th century Mexican land grantees established ranchos, and today ranching operations continue in the Park's pastoral zones.

Today, under the direction of Superintendent Don Neubacher, the Park successfully balances the needs of visitors and ranchers with the preservation of ecosystems and historical sites.

Mr. Speaker, Point Reyes National Seashore ranks among the top twenty most-visited National Park service areas in the country and exemplifies the Park Service's mission to "care for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage."

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ANDREA
ARAGON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, today I stand before you with great pride to honor the accomplishments of Andrea Aragon of Pueblo, Colorado. Andrea was one of the six distinguished women to receive the 2002 YWCA Anna Taussig Tribute to Women Awards on Thursday, June 6, 2002. She was selected for her unparalleled dedication to the education of the youth of Pueblo, her personal philanthropy. Andrea Aragon has exemplified unrelenting passion in not only her professional life, but her personal one as well, and I am honored to pay tribute to her accomplishments today.

Andrea is the perfect example of a model citizen who commits selflessly to the betterment of her community. She currently dedicates her time to countless boards that strive to improve the integrity of the community, such as the Colorado Student Loan Obligation Authority, the University of Southern Colorado President's Leadership Program Advisory Board, the Pueblo Hispanic Education Foundation Board, the Columbine Girl Scouts Board, and the El Pueblo Boys and Girls Ranch Board and previously served as Executive Director for the Latino Chamber of Commerce. Throughout her term as Executive Director, Andrea increased membership by seventy-five percent which provided the Chamber with new, renovated offices and space. In July, Andrea was elevated to become the proctor of the office of development and alumni relations for the University of Southern Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure today to recognize the compassion of Andrea Aragon of Pueblo, Colorado and her ability to inspire the